Funds from Netherlands for wind energy projects in Karnataka

1115. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to get funds from Netherlands for a 15 MW wind energy project in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the extent of funds proposed to be provided by Netherlands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) and (b) Five renewable energy proposals including one project for setting up a wind power project in Karnataka have been selected under the Certified Emission Reduction Unit Programmes Tender (CERUPT) which was floated by the Government of the Netherlands. The Certified Emission Reduction (CER) units generated from these projects will be purchased by the Government of the Netherlands from the respective project developers at a pre-determined price. The actual funds received from the Government of the Netherlands will depend upon the quantum of CER units generated by these projects.

Gazette notification of right to information Bill

†1116. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Parliament has passed a bill related to the Right to Information to common people;

(b) whether it is also fact that Hon'ble President has given his assent to this bill;

(c) if so, what are the reasons that this bill has not been notified in Gazette of India; and

(d) by when this bill is likely to be notified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (d) 'The Freedom of Information Bill, 2002', as passed by the

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Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on 3rd December, 2002 and 16th December, 2002 respectively, received the assent of the President on 6th January, 2003 and 'The Freedom of Information Act, 2002' has been published in the Gazette of India on 7th January, 2003.

Amendment of Central Civil Services Conduct Rules

†1117. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to amend Central Civil Services Conduct Rules and All India Services Conduct Rules;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action so far in this regard;

(c) if so, the details of the action taken; and

(d) what improvements Government intend to bring in the administration through these amendments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (d) No Sir. However, it is stated that revision/amendment and updating of the rules and orders/instructions relating to conditions of service including the Conduct Rules of the Central Government employees are done on an ongoing basis, whenever Government finds the need for the same. Several amendments to the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules have been made since its promulgation in 1964. The Government had constituted a Study Group regarding rewriting of the All India Service (Conduct) Rules, 1968. The Study Group has since submitted a report.

Employment on compassionate grounds

1118. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a Government policy to provide for employment to the surviving spouse/other member in the family, when an employee dies in harness;

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